



Disassembling 1998-2002 Honda Accord Stereo Head Unit

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INTRODUCTION

Here's a guide showing how to remove the stereo out of your Honda Accord.

Note that I installed a head unit that required an aftermarket [double-DIN](#) adapter. The disassembly procedure may differ slightly for a Honda stock head unit.

TOOLS:

- [Smart Wrench](#) (1)
- [Phillips #2 Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [Spudger](#) (1)

Step 1 — Center Dash



⚠ Before going any further: disconnect the battery. I keep a 10 mm wrench in my center console specifically for this purpose.

- Use a 10 mm wrench to disconnect the negative battery terminal, followed by the positive terminal.

Step 2



- Note that the dash has been taken apart before, namely to install all those fancy gizmos you see in this picture.
- The disassembly procedure is exactly the same for stock factory systems, but may differ when taking out the radio itself.

Step 3



- Use a #2 Philips screwdriver to remove the two screws holding the center of the dashboard in place.

Step 4



(i) Use a [spudger](#) for the following step or, if you don't have one handy, cover a flathead screwdriver with a rag.

- Gently insert a spudger or flathead screwdriver directly underneath the clock, just enough so you can pry out the clock. Perhaps a half inch or so will do it.

Step 5



- Slide the clock out to expose a sole Phillips screw.
- Alternatively, you can first disconnect the clock (see next step) and then proceed to remove the screw. It might be slightly easier to do that instead of the method you see here, but either way will work fine.
- Remove the screw using your Phillips #2 screwdriver.

Step 6



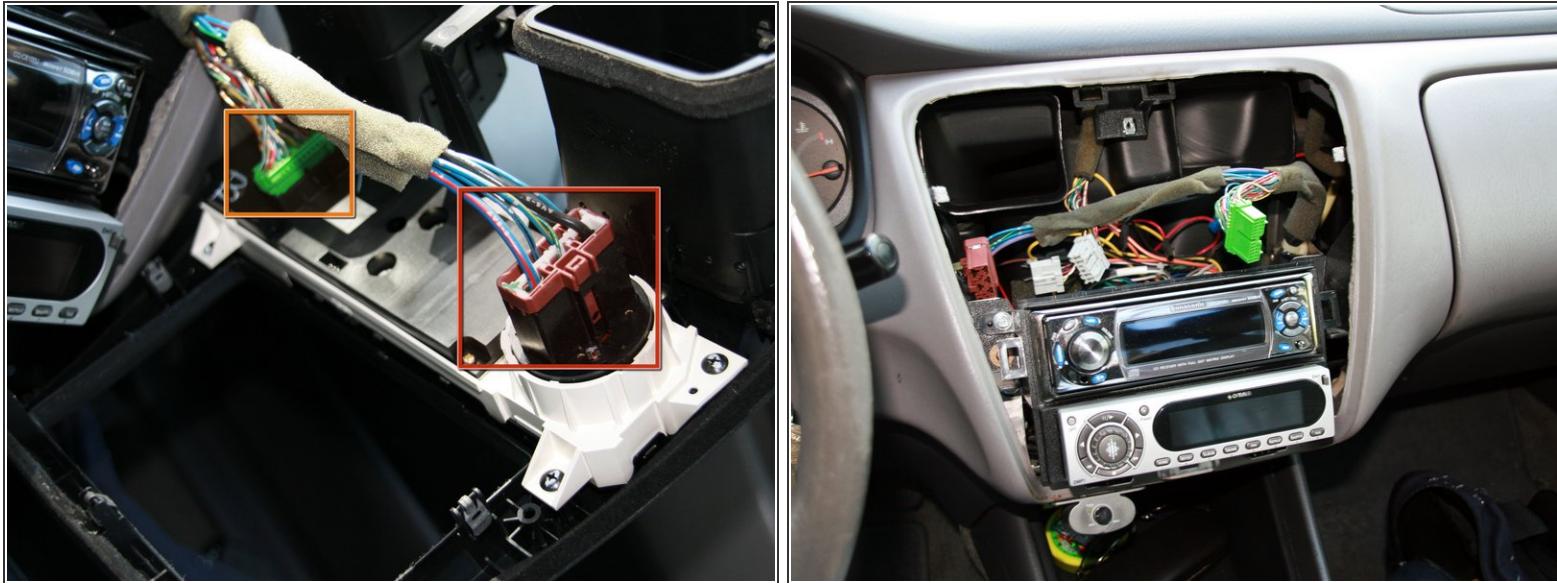
- Unplug the smaller connector first. There's a tab on top of the connector that you have to push downwards, then pull the connector. Make sure to grasp the connector itself, and not the wires.
- Do the same with the larger connector. Again, there's a tab on top that needs to be pushed downward.

Step 7



- Now, gently pull the bottom of the center console towards you. Don't yank it out, there's two more connectors holding it in place.

Step 8



- First take off the red connector. Just like before, there's a tab on top of the connector that you have to push downwards first.
- Follow suit with the green connector.
- Center dash can now be fully removed.

Step 9 — Stereo Head Unit



- Remove the four screws (two on each side) holding the double-DIN stereo frame in place using a #2 JIS screwdriver or 8mm socket wrench.

Step 10



- Slide out the stereo head unit.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.